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Examiner: Susanna M. Meinecke Diaz

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For: CHARGING DEVICE FOR TRANSFERRING INFORMATION TO THE

COLLECTION OF A TOLL ON A MOVING BODY

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Respectfully Submitted,

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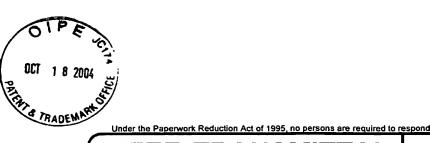
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